

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A card holder system for retaining a card with an animal cage, the system comprising:  
  
a card holder designed and dimensioned to selectively retain the card; and  
  
a retention member adapted for retaining the card holder to the cage.
2. The card holder system of claim 1, wherein the retention member is adapted to be secured to a side wall of the cage.
3. The card holder system of claim 1, the card holder having a card removal recess defined in a backplate of the card holder.
4. The card holder system of claim 1, the card holder comprising one or more side guides and one or more bottom guides adapted to facilitate the positioning of the card at the card holder.
5. The card holder system of claim 1, wherein the card holder can be selectively retained in one of a horizontal orientation and a vertical orientation.
6. The card holder system of claim 5, the card holder comprising a securing portion having an aperture defined therein, the retention member having a hook portion, wherein the

selective retention of the card holder is facilitated by the interaction of the securing portion and the hook portion.

7. The card holder of claim 1, wherein the retention member comprises an abutment wall, the abutment wall facilitating the retention of the holder on the retention member when the card holder is bumped by a user.

8. The card holder system of claim 1, wherein the card holder is formed of a plastic.

9. The card holder system of claim 8, wherein the card holder is formed of a translucent plastic.

10. The card holder system of claim 2, wherein the retention member is adapted to be secured via an adhesive.

11. The card holder system of claim 1, wherein the retention member is integrally formed as a portion of the sidewall of the cage.

12. The card holder system of claim 1, further comprising an adapter member, the adapter member being designed and dimensioned to be coupled with the card holder such that the card holder may be selectively positioned in one of a first orientation and a second orientation, the second orientation being substantially rotated ninety-degrees from the first position.

13. The card holder system of claim 12, wherein the adapter member is adapted to be secured to the card holder via an adhesive.

14. The card holder system of claim 12, wherein the adapter member is integrally formed as a portion of the card holder.

15. The card holder system of claim 12, the card holder having a slot defined therein, the adapter member including a protrusion, wherein the protrusion is at least partially disposed within the slot when the adapter member is coupled to the card holder.

16. The card holder system of claim 1, the cage having a filter top positioned on top of the cage, wherein the filter top may be removed from the cage without removing the card holder from the retention member.

17. A card holder for retaining a card with an animal cage, the card holder being designed for use with a retention member adapted to be secured to the side wall of the cage, the card holder being designed and dimensioned to selectively retain the card and to be retained to the animal cage by the retention member.

18. The card holder of claim 17, the card holder having a card removal recess defined in a backplate of the card holder.

19. The card holder of claim 17, the card holder comprising one or more side guides and one or more bottom guides adapted to facilitate the positioning of the card at the card holder.

20. The card holder of claim 17, wherein the card holder can be selectively retained in one of a horizontal orientation and a vertical orientation.

21. The card holder of claim 20, the card holder comprising a securing portion having an aperture defined therein, the retention member including a hook portion, wherein the selective retention of the card holder is facilitated by the interaction of the securing portion and the hook portion.

22. The card holder of claim 17, wherein the card holder is formed of a plastic.

23. The card holder system of claim 17, wherein the card holder is formed of a translucent plastic.

24. The card holder of claim 17, further comprising an adapter member, the adapter member being designed and dimensioned to be coupled with the card holder such that the card holder may be selectively positioned in one of a first orientation and a second orientation, the second orientation being substantially rotated ninety-degrees from the first position.

25. The card holder of claim 24, wherein the adapter member is adapted to be secured to the card holder via an adhesive.

26. The card holder of claim 24, wherein the adapter member is integrally formed as a portion of the card holder.

27. The card holder of claim 24, the card holder having a slot defined therein, the adapter member including a protrusion, wherein the protrusion is at least partially disposed within the slot when the adapter member is coupled to the card holder.

28. The card holder of claim 17, the cage having a filter top positioned on top of the cage, wherein the filter top may be removed from the cage without removing the card holder from the retention member.

29. A card holder system for retaining a card with an animal cage, the system comprising:

means for holding, said means for holding being designed and dimensioned to selectively retain the card; and

means for retaining, said means for retaining being adapted for retaining the card holder to the cage.